

# Provisional Voting Checklist

- ▶ Show identification
- ▶ Sign affidavit
- ▶ Complete ballot—for Federal elections only
- ▶ Put ballot in double envelope and submit
- ▶ Check status of your vote



**You can vote  
even when your  
name does not  
appear on the  
poll list**

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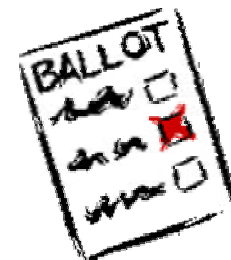
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## Provisional Ballots: *How to Vote When You're Not On the Poll List*

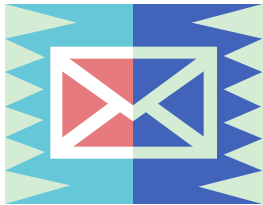


## Provisional Ballots

If you are a registered voter in your Election District and you are eligible to vote in a Federal Election, but your name does not appear on the official poll list, you may be able to vote by Provisional Ballot. Provisional Ballots cover only Federal offices such as President, Vice President, US Senate and US Congress. To be permitted to vote on a Provisional Ballot, you will be asked to sign an affidavit that says you are a registered voter in that Election District and that you are eligible to vote in that election.

**The provisional ballot ONLY covers Federal offices; it cannot be used for local elections.**

Ballots are cast on paper and sealed using a double envelope system similar to Absentee



Ballots are sealed using a double envelope system

Ballots. Each completed ballot is assigned a tracking number. The ballots and affidavits are sent to the Department of Elections on the night of the election for verification the next day. If the State

determines that the provisional ballot is eligible, then the vote gets counted.

At the time you vote, you will be given information on the free access system set up by the Commissioner of Elections so that you can determine whether or not your ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why.

### Providing Identification

You must provide proof of identity and address to vote on a Provisional Ballot. Acceptable forms of identification are a current valid photo ID, copy of current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address.

If you have no identification, you will still be permitted to vote on a Provisional Ballot. The fact that you have no identification is noted on the ballot envelope and will be considered when determining whether or not your Provisional Ballot is valid.

### Extended Polling Place Times

If a Federal or State court order, or any other order, extends the time established for closing the polls, votes cast after the normal poll closing time will all be by Provisional Ballot. These ballots are

separated and held apart from other Provisional Ballots cast by those not affected by the order.

### Tallying the Votes

On the day after the election, the Department of Elections for each county meets to determine which Provisional Ballots are valid and to tally them.

Within 30 days after the election, the information as to whether or not your Provisional Ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why, is entered into the free access system set up by the Commissioner of Elections.



Provisional ballots are handwritten at the polls

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